

BOOK NOTICE

Lavishly Illustrated Book on Tropical & Subtropical Trees

MARGARET BARWICK. 2004. **Tropical & Subtropical Trees an Encyclopedia**. (0-88192-661-2, hbk.). Timber Press Inc. 133 S.W. Second Ave, Suite 450, Portland, OR 97204-3527, U.S.A. (Orders: www.timberpress.com, mail@timberpress.com, 503-227-2878, 1-800-327-5680, 503-227-3070 fax). \$69.95, 484 pp., 2,305 illustrations, 1,981 in color, hardiness zone map, 8 1/4" × 11 5/8".

Publisher Comments: "Margaret Barwick's lovingly researched book represents the first comprehensive compendium of botanical and practical information on this previously undervalued topic. The culmination of more than forty-five years as a hands on gardener and landscape designer, the work reflects her passion for the subject and her appreciation of what fellow gardeners, both lay and professional, need to know about trees selection for tropical and subtropical climates."

"Listed alphabetically, more than 650 species are covered in detail with information on the size, shape of the tree, its cultivation requirements, ornamental value, and rate of growth. The book is supplemented with the finer detail of flower, fruit, foliage, bark, texture, and fragrance."

"With text that is both scientifically accurate and easy-to-read, the book is lavishly illustrated with more than 2500 photographs, many taken in the wild."

Each genus is represented by a type species, usually chosen as the most typical and well known of the genus. The type species is illustrated by photographs of the overall form, the flowers, fruit, bark and, if possible, the natural habitat. An incredible amount of concise information is summarized in sidebars for each type species. Throughout the book one will find fascinating facts about the plants (from trees that can kill to love, sex, and beauty).—*Barney Lipscomb, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 509 Pecan Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102-4060, U.S.A.*